

October 18, 2011

Project Reviewer  
Massachusetts Historical Commission  
The Massachusetts Archive Building  
220 Morrissey Boulevard  
Boston, MA 02125

**Subject: State Listed Historical or Archeological Sites:  
Assabet River Rail Trail (ARRT) – Acton and Maynard, MA.**


Dear Project Reviewer,

On behalf of MassDOT and the Towns of Acton and Maynard, we are writing to you to seek information relative to a proposed rail trail segment in Acton and Maynard. The project will extend from the Stow/Maynard town line to the South Acton MBTA Commuter Rail station, a total of 16,937 feet (approx. 3.2 miles). An ENF for a separate section of the ARRT (Marlborough and Hudson) was filed with MEPA in 2002 (EEA # 12850).

MassDOT and the towns are requesting correspondence from MHC that indicates whether or not impacts to historic or archaeological resources are anticipated as a result of the proposed project. Attachments are provided to assist in your review. The proposed project does pass through the South Acton Village Historic District, but is not expected to alter the character of the district. In addition to this request for information, MassDOT and the towns will be submitting an Environmental Notification Form (ENF) to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Office at a later date, of which a copy will be forwarded. We request that the MHC review its records relative to the noted location to determine whether construction of the proposed project will have any impact on such resources. If any records are found or concerns raised, please provide us with any available specific information, so that these materials can be incorporated into our planning of the project.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or require additional information, please contact me at 978-905-2181, or at david.derrig@aecom.com. Once you have made your determination, please send an official letter for our records. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

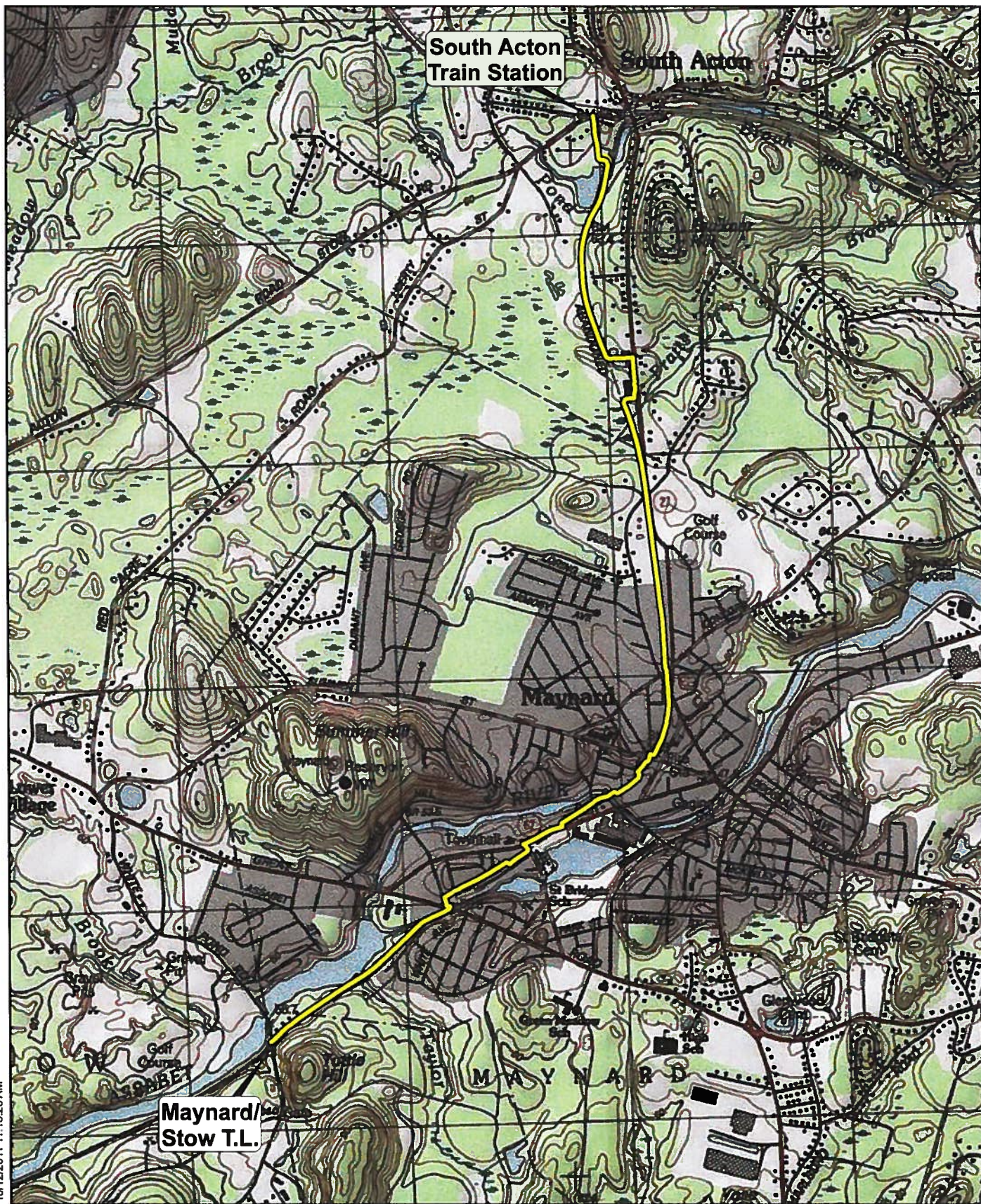
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Attachments:

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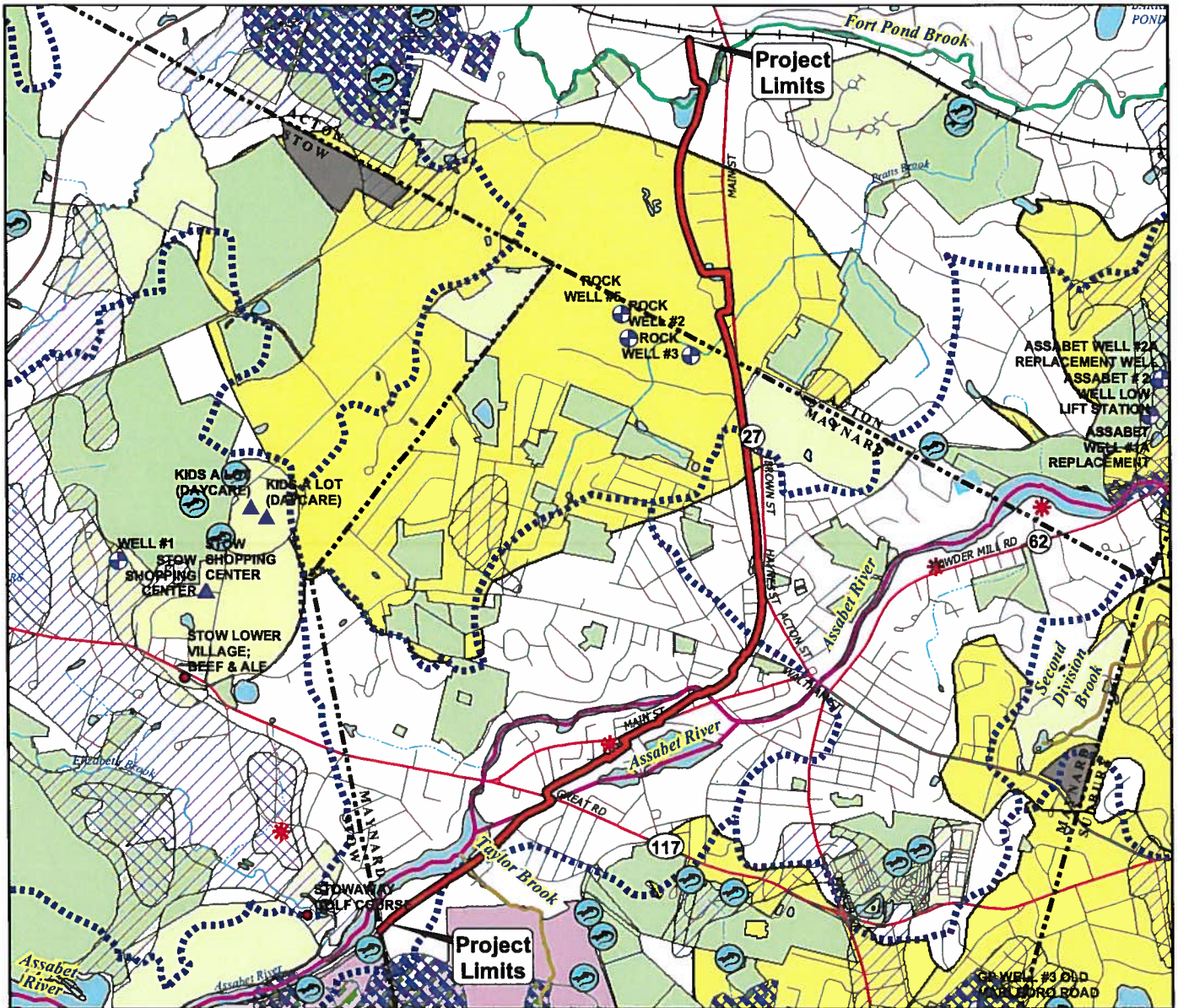
Portion of Maynard Quadrangle.  
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**Figure 1**  
**Locus Map**  
Assabet River Rail Trail  
South Acton to Maynard





**Water Supplies**

- Emergency Surface Water
- Community Groundwater Well
- ▲ Non-Transient Non-Community
- Proposed Well
- Community Surface Water Source
- Transient Non-Community
- DEP Approved Zone II Protection Area
- Interim Zone II Protection Area
- DEP Permitted Solid Waste Facility
- Zone A Surface Water Protection Areas
- Zone B Surface Water Protection Areas
- Zone C Surface Water Protection Areas

**Aquifers**

- High Yield Aquifer
- Medium Yield Aquifer
- Non-Potential Drinking Water Source Area (High Yield)
- Non-Potential Drinking Water Source Area (Medium Yield)
- Sole Source Aquifer

**Natural Heritage & Endangered Species**

- NHESP Certified Vernal Pools
- NHESP Priority Habitats for Rare Species
- NHESP Estimated Habitats for Rare Wildlife
- ACECS

**Open Space**

- Federal
- State
- Municipal
- Other Public
- Private
- \* 21E Site

**Drainage Basin Divide**

**DEP Integrated List of Waters**

- Category 2
- Category 3
- Category 4a
- Category 4c
- Category 5

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